

Step 1. Observation

A. Study the photograph for 2 minutes. Form an overall impression of the photograph and then examine individual items. Next, divide the photo into quadrants and study each section to see what new details become visible.

B. Use the chart below to list people, objects, and activities in the photograph.

People	Objects	Activities
easily 100+ people	far left: another part of the train?	crane is hooked to a wrecked car
men in suits or overalls	left: train engine	men in front of the train are looking at the camera
women in dresses	center: split between cars	some onlookers standing (men and women)
clothes look late 1800s-early 1900s	right: crane	some sitting (only men)
many onlookers	far right: wreckage up over bank	
	track curves left and right	

Step 2. Inference

Limit response for each question to 5 lines of text

Based on what you have observed above, list three things you might infer from this photograph.

1. I infer that this is the same location as Photo #1 based on the curvation of the tracks, dress of the people, and the inscriptions. 2. I infer that the train was moving quickly when it crashed due to the large amount of debris (especially on the right). 3. I infer that it's any season but winter. The trees depicted aren't deciduous, and they still have leaves.

Step 3. Questions

A. What questions does this photograph raise in your mind?

What caused this crash? If this is in same area as the other picture, did the same thing cause both crashes?

B. Where could you find answers to them?

I could use the inscriptions at the bottom as a starting point for further research.